

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
U.S. Embassy Bratislava, Slovakia
SLO10015Q0005
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1. **QUESTION:** *Where could be find information about TIN (Tax Identification Number)?*
RESPONSE: The offeror is responsible to check Section 5 of the Solicitation document SLO10015Q0005 starting on page 21. The information about TIN is on page 31.

2. **QUESTION:** *What should be total amount stated on the SF 1449 under total amount – box 26?*
RESPONSE: The offer should contain 2 quotes, one for each proposed design. Form SF 1449 box 26 should **only** state the total cost for **option 2**. The total amount should include VAT, if applicable.

3. **QUESTION:** *There is a discrepancy between the design document and the items required based on the Solicitation document. The solicitation requires only 7 trees, where the project shows 15.*
RESPONSE: The Embassy is planning on using the existing planters and trees to add to this project. The renderings show a combination of existing and new planters and trees.
The Solicitation document only states the number of new items.

4. **QUESTION:** *What is the expected warranty?*
RESPONSE: The answer is in the Contract document, Section 6 – Attachments:

1.5.4 **After Completion of Project:** The contractor is responsible for maintaining all plants and planters in good condition for 30 days after the project is finalized.

5. **QUESTION:** *What kind of material are the existing planters made of?*
RESPONSE: The existing planters are Nieuwkoop Fiberstone (Jort grey middle high 200/30/40 and Jumbo XL grey with feet 110/110/100).

The planters are handmade in the traditional way of fiber-glass, strengthened with stone grid in a proportion of 65-35%. With the stone grid on the outside of the pots providing a 100% natural look.

The containers in the Fiberstone Glossy collection are made of fiberglass reinforced with 22% stone grit to make them extremely strong. These containers have been coated with 7 layers of car body finish to make them very smooth and easy to keep clean.

6. **QUESTION:** *What kind of Crabapple tree should be included in the quotation, single or multi-stemmed?*

RESPONSE: The quotation should include a single stemmed crabapple tree, of similar size to the ones already at the Embassy compound. The size is 18/20 (trunk diameter at 1 meter height)

7. **QUESTION:** *Can offeror suggest items not described in the solicitation?*

RESPONSE: Yes, the offeror can suggest line items which would improve the general project appearance and design. These additional items should be stated on separate list, so the original quotes could be compared. The Embassy will consider if the additional line items could be accepted.

8. **QUESTION:** *How soon can the contract be awarded?*

RESPONSE: Under ideal circumstances, the contract could be awarded on March 16, 2015.

9. **QUESTION:** *Which part of the floor plan design shows the area of work?*

RESPONSE: Only the area within the blue dotted line. The planters outside of the blue dotted line are part of the original greening project and are already on our Embassy compound.

10. **QUESTION:** *Is it mandatory to provide planters with feet/stands?*

RESPONSE: Yes, it is mandatory to provide planters that are equipped with feet/stands which allow the use of a forklift or lift-jack so that they can be easily rearranged if necessary (even when full with soil and plants).

11. **QUESTION:** *Do planters have to be insulated?*

RESPONSE: Yes, the planters have to be insulated with Styrofoam (or similar) panels with 25mm minimum thickness to prevent the soil and plants from freezing.